

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 861
By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to commend Jeremy Nickens for outstanding and exemplary service as a legislative intern for the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this Body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Nickens is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Steve Cohen; Mr. Nickens's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Nickens was chosen from a vast pool of qualified applicants from all over this great State to serve as a legislative assistant to the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nickens graduated from Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) in the fall of 2005 and is now the first person on either side of his family to have received a bachelor's degree; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee's state government and to further his studies, Jeremy Nickens brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2006 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nickens has performed his many and various duties with diligence and loyalty, displaying natural skill and superior intelligence, and he has earned the respect and admiration of his peers and the members of this General Assembly alike; and

WHEREAS, having spent time student teaching at LaVergne High School, Jeremy Nickens is so passionate about the educational system that he worked closely with Senator Cohen on Senate Bill 2867 and even testified before the Senate Education Committee on behalf of the bill; and

WHEREAS, because of his thirst for knowledge and love for learning and studying history and politics, Mr. Nickens was voted “Most Intellectual” by his fellow interns; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Nickens has experienced the finer points of the Tennessee General Assembly and has gained keen insight into floor debates and the intricate details of the Senate State and Local Government Committee; and

WHEREAS, immersing himself in the intricacies and nuances of Tennessee state government, Mr. Nickens has found the legislative process to be both delightful and complex; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Nickens has attained expertise at deciphering the Tennessee Code, writing summaries, researching projects, and distributing calendars and packets; and

WHEREAS, serving as a testament to the exemplary quality of his work, Mr. Nickens does an outstanding job no matter how large or small the task set before him; and

WHEREAS, committed to diligent service, Jeremy Nickens provided assistance and support to Micki Yearwood, Craig Dulniak, Senator Steve Cohen, and the Senate State and Local Government Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nickens’s good nature, dedication, efficiency, professionalism, maturity, and willingness to help have resulted in untold benefits to the Senate State and Local Government Committee and the whole General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, his professional and academic prowess notwithstanding, Jeremy Nickens is in his own words, a “great husband” to his wonderful wife, Laura, who agrees wholeheartedly with his assessment; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nickens is a pleasure to be around, and he will be greatly missed by his peers and superiors alike, and especially by Senator Cohen’s staff; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2006 legislative session, Jeremy Nickens has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize and commend those interns who have faithfully served this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Jeremy Nickens for outstanding service as a

legislative intern for Senator Steve Cohen and the Senate State and Local Government Committee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.